

~~(D) IF TWO OR LESS CANDIDATES FILE FOR EACH VACANCY ON A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES AND THE OFFICE SHALL BE OMITTED FROM THE PRIMARY BALLOT.~~

~~(E) [(d)] Write-in votes prohibited.~~

~~There shall be no names of candidates written in at primary elections.~~

~~7-1. General provisions.~~

~~(a) Who may be nominated by petition.~~

~~A candidate for any public office who is registered as an independent or who is a member of or affiliated with a partisan organization which is not a political party as defined in this article or who is not a member of a political party whose nominees must be nominated by means of primary elections, may be nominated by petition, as in this section provided. [Nothing in this subsection applies to candidates or nominations for election to county boards of education.] A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY BE NOMINATED BY PETITION, PROVIDED THE PETITION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THE PARTY AFFILIATION STATUS OF THE CANDIDATE.~~

~~(b) Certificate of candidacy; filing fees.~~

~~(1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A candidate for public office seeking nomination by petition shall file a certificate of candidacy under the provisions of the subtitle "Certificate of Candidacy" of this article with a sworn statement attached that he has on file with the election board or the several boards of the State petitions signed by not less than three per centum (3%) of the registered voters who are eligible to vote for the office for which such nomination by petition is sought. The number of registered voters shall be determined as of the commencement of the four month period before the primary election for which the nomination is sought. Candidates nominated by petition must pay the fee prescribed in § 4A-6 of this article in the same manner as candidates for nomination at a primary election, with the filing of the certificate of candidacy of the candidate. Such fees shall be disposed of in the same manner as provided in § 4A-8 of this article.~~

~~(2) A CANDIDATE SEEKING NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SUBTITLE "CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY" OF THIS ARTICLE TOGETHER WITH A SET OF PETITIONS SIGNED BY REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD. THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN EACH COUNTY WITH AN ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION IS AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(i) ALLEGANY COUNTY..... 200;~~